

# Boise State International Insider

## News for International Students

September 1, 2011

International Student Services

### Coming Events & Activities

Every Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center. Free refreshments!

September 2<sup>nd</sup> - **SHIP waiver deadline**

September 5<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day Holiday. No classes. University offices are closed, including ISS.

September 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am - 4:00pm - **MANDATORY Fall Semester Immigration Check-in** for returning students (*more details below*)

September 12<sup>th</sup> - CPT Workshops begin. Please see the schedule and info on page 1

September 15<sup>th</sup> - OPT Workshops begin. Please see complete schedule and info on page 2

September 25<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 - 7:00pm - ISA / ISS Bowling night. Please see details on page 3

### Immigration Check-in

Check-in for all international students will be held Tuesday, Sep 6<sup>th</sup> thru' Friday, Sep 9<sup>th</sup>. This check-in is **required** by U.S. Immigration to maintain your legal status as an F-1 or J-1 visa holder. Check-in takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. You must come to the Student Diversity Center (SDC) in the Student Union Building (SUB) between 9:30am and 4:00pm any day that week (September 6 thru' September 9) to fulfill this requirement.

**Any student who does not attend the check-in session will be fined a \$50 fee.**

*NOTE: If you are a new international student and attended the orientation August 17 & 18, you are checked-in with immigration. There is no need for you to participate in the check-in session this semester. You will need to attend check in next semester.*

**URGENT REMINDER:** If you have your own health insurance and do not plan to pay for Boise State's health insurance (SHIP), be sure to waive the SHIP insurance **by this Friday, Sept 2!** Use this link to learn how to waive SHIP: <http://broncowedb.boisestate.edu/files/Finances-%E2%80%93-Health-Insurance-Waiver.pdf>

**Curricular Practical Training (CPT)**, also called an Internship, allows a student to work off-campus for a specified amount of time in a position related to his/her field of study. If you plan to do an internship as part of your academic program, you need to attend a CPT Workshop.

September 12, 12:00 to 1:00pm

September 15, 4:00 to 5:00pm

**Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.** Workshops will be held in the Student Diversity Center.

**Optional Practical Training (OPT)** is a one-year work permit that allows international students to work in their field of study after graduation. If you are graduating this semester and are interested in applying for OPT, you *must* attend an OPT Workshop.

**September 15, 9:00 to 11:00am**

**September 19, 3:00 to 5:00pm**

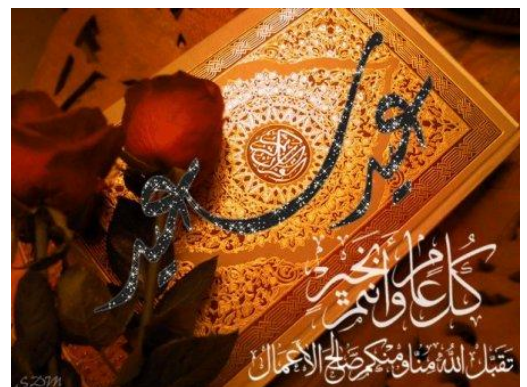
**September 22, 4:00 to 5:30pm**

When attending the workshop, you must bring your I-20, visa, passport and I-94 card, plus 2 passport-size photos (head positioned directly facing the camera) and a Money Order for \$380.00 payable to CIS. Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend. Workshops will be held in the Student Diversity Center.

### **Facebook “Upgrade”**

We are going to delete our current ISS page on Facebook and replace it with a new page. Stay connected by logging onto Facebook and looking for "Boise State International Students". Please "like" our new page so that you can get quick and regular updates about ISS events and activities. Please send us some pictures that we can add to our new page!

The International Students Association  
(ISA) wishes ALL Muslim Broncos a joyful,  
blessed celebration of the end of Ramadan.  
Eid Mubarak!!



### **Opportunity for Involvement in Student Government**

ASBSU will be holding elections for members of the new Student Assembly during the third week of school. Assembly Members are elected by their academic departments as representatives. This means that ASBSU will have the chance to truly know what ALL students across the University are thinking. We are all very excited for it!

Assembly Members meet a few times a month to discuss important campus issues that are highlighted by students, faculty, or administrators. The meetings will be held on Mondays at 3:00pm. Outside of these meetings, members will talk to their peers to learn how the students of their department feel about a topic. Many Assembly Members will also be placed on university committees that they are interested in.

The time commitment for an Assembly Member is small, but their role is invaluable. If your members (or you) are looking for more ways to get involved, please let them know about this opportunity. The election packets are very simple to complete and no signatures are required to run. The packets are available up in the Student Involvement office (above the Boise River Cafe). **The completed application is due by noon on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please feel free to contact the Assembly Speaker, Ryan Gregg, or me if you have any questions. His email is [ryangregg@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:ryangregg@u.boisestate.edu).

## What are you looking for?

**Room for Rent:** Chinese male student studying at Boise State has a room to rent to a BSU student, on campus. Best for a male student.

1307 S. Chrisway Drive, Boise, ID 83706 Apartment Square. There is a great kitchen area, a dining room, and living room for you. Includes: Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer, central air/heat, broadband internet, and basic cable. Utilities included: Water, sewer, trash removal. Rent is \$300 per month. Cost of gas and electricity extra.

If you want to know more detail, please call Billy at 208-371-0018 or email me [zhbinshen@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:zhbinshen@u.boisestate.edu)



### Great Bowling Night Planned!!

Hi dear friends! The International Student Association (ISA) and International Students Services (ISS) are very happy to invite you all to another BIG BOWLING NIGHT. Mark your calendar for Sunday, 25 September, 2011. We are going to go bowling, play foosball, and pool from 4-7pm at the Games Center in the Student Union Building. Food and drinks will be provided. The event is FREE and for EVERYONE! (you do not have to be international student to join us!).

Those of you who joined us last fall and spring for the same kind of event probably remember how enjoyable that was, with an impressive turnout of over 80 people! We hope to meet more of you this time, so come join us, have fun, and meet new friends!

Best,

The International Student Association & International Students Services



The **Boise State International Insider** is a weekly feature of International Student Services, in the Student Diversity Center.

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